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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Katsushi ASAI     GAU:

SERIAL NO: New Application      EXAMINER:

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FOR:  METHOD FOR PREPARING BIOREACTOR

## REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/566,721, filed May 9, 2000, which is a Continuation of 09/147,678, filed February 12,1999, now U.S. 6,165,758, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP97/02663, filed on July 30, 1997, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120.**

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e):**    **Application No.**    **Date Filed**

■ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119,** as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:
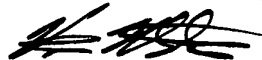
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| Japan | 8-212387 | August 12, 1996 |
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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☐ were filed in prior application Serial No.   filed

■ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP97/02663, filed on July 30, 1997. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No.   filed  ; and

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